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Sethuraman et al.

Serial No. 09/779,123

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For: PLANARIZED SEMICONDUCTOR
INTERCONNECT TOPOGRAPHY
AND METHOD FOR POLISHING A
METAL LAYER TO FORM
INTERCONNECTGroup Art Unit: 2823
Examiner: Lee, H.

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Dear Sir/ Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2003 to further
highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.